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1. US-INDONESIAN CONSULTATIONS HELD IN WASHINGTON JUNE 25, 28, AND 29 PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL POLITICAL ISSUES WITH THE INDONESIANS. FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ON THESE

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TOPICS DURING WORKING LUNCH AND SUBSEQUENT MEETING ON

JUNE 29.

A. KOREA. MALIK INDICATED THAT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED ASEAN MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AT MANILA HAD AGREED THAT THE QUESTION OF KOREA SHOULD NOT BE PUT AS AN ISSUE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR. THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS SUPPORTED THE MAINTENANCE OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS AND HOPED TO USE THIS AS AN ARGUMENT FOR POSTPONING THE ISSUE. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE WOULD PREFER A POSTPONEMENT BUT IF THE OTHER SIDE PRESSED A RESOLUTION WE WOULD FIGHT.

B. PUERTO RICO AND MIDDLE EAST. THE SECRETARY STRESSED THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER ANY DISCUSSIONS OF PUERTO RICO AT THE UN AN UNFRIENDLY ACT AND THAT, SHOULD A RESOLUTION BE VOTED, WE WOULD WITHDRAW OUR DELEGATION AND TAKE NO FURTHER PART IN THAT ASSEMBLY. HE INDICATED THAT WE WILL TAKE A STRONG STAND AGAINST ANY EFFORT TO EXPEL ISRAEL. MALIK SAID THAT HE EXPECTED NEITHER PUERTO RICO NOR ISRAEL TO BE TAKEN UP AT COLOMBO. HE OBSERVED THAT EVEN DURING THE RECENT ISTANBUL MEETING OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS, NO STRONG PRESSURE TO EXPEL ISRAEL HAD BEEN APPARENT.

C. ASEAN. COMMENTING ON THE JUST-CONCLUDED ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN MANILA, MALIK SAID THEY ALL HAD RECOGNIZED THAT THE WEAKNESS OF ONE LINK WAS THE WEAKNESS OF ALL. THEY HAD AGREED THAT SUBVERSION WAS THE CHIEF SHORT-TERM THREAT TO THEM. A PROBLEM FOR INDONESIA WAS THAT THE OTHERS LOOKED TO THE GOI FOR HELP, YET THE GOI'S RESOURCES WERE LIMITED AND THEY, IN TURN, WOULD BE LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE U.S. AND OTHER FRIENDS.

D. JAPAN. MALIK SAID THAT JAPAN'S ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE ASEAN MEETING, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FROM JAPAN. DURING THE ENSUING BRIEF DISCUSSION WE INDICATED WE HAD SEEN NO SIGN AT ALL THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN A SECURITY ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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E. VIET-NAM. THE SECRETARY OBSERVED THAT HE KNEW THE VIETNAMESE LEADERS, WHO WERE TOUGH AND ASSERTIVE. HE FORESAW HANOI AS MORE OF A PROBLEM FOR ITS NEIGHBORS THAN CHINA IN THE SHORT RUN, INCLUDING POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR "RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MALIK AGREED THAT HANOI, WITH THE USSR BEHIND IT, WAS THE MOST LIKELY SHORT-TERM SOURCE OF AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR IN THE REGION. THE PRIMARY PROBLEM FOR THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN

COUNTRIES WOULD BE EXTERNALLY SUPPORTED SUBVERSION.

F. THAI AND PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS. MALIK RAISED THE SUBJECT, NOTING THAT THE INDONESIANS WERE CONCERNED LEST A LACK OF "MOMENTUM" IN PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS COULD PRUCE A "VACUUM." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE THAI WANTED TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE U.S. THE

SECRETARY AND HABIB DESCRIBED THE STATUS OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AND OUR INTEREST IN REACHING A REASONABLE SOLUTION. WE HOPED THE PHILIPPINES WOULD NOT BECOME OVERCONFIDENT AND PRESS US BEYOND THE LIMITS WE COULD GO. AS TO THAILAND, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN A PUBLIC POSITION FOR DOMESTIC REASONS AND HAD THEN BEEN UNABLE TO BACK DOWN. THE SECRETARY ASKED MALIK TO TELL THE THAI GOVERNMENT OF OUR BASIC GOODWILL AND WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE THAIS, ALTHOUGH AT THIS LATE DATE IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT COULD BE DONE IN THE MILITARY SPHERE. KISSINGER

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